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CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MEDICAL UNIT RETURNS FROM SOUTHWEST ASIA

NEWINGTON, Conn., - Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces that 110 soldiers from the 118TH Medical Battalion of Newington will arrive at Ft. Drum, NY, on Thursday, February 3, 2005 from Southwest Asia.

The unit deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It mobilized in November 2003, and departed for Ft. Drum on December 11, 2003. On February 16, 2004 the 118th arrived in Kuwait processed through and went forward into Iraq.

The demobilization process begins when the unit arrives at Ft. Drum. The unit is expected to arrive in Connecticut later next week. By early summer the unit will be released from active duty.

“The 118th has done an outstanding job and has played an integral role in the Global War on Terror,” said Cugno. “The families and I look forward to their return to home station in Newington. “I commend them and the unit for enduring the hardships of a 18-month separation.”

The unit was stationed in many locations throughout at Iraq, assisting Combat Support Hospitals (CSH) in the theater of operations.

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The 118th Medical Battalion provides non-surgical medical care and area medical evacuation. The unit is comprised of doctors, nurses, medics, support personnel and specialized medical assets.

Approximately 400 soldiers from the Connecticut Army National Guard are stationed in Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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